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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 279          Senator Roesser, et al.

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Judiciary

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**Education - Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Speech Impaired Students, Parents, and  
Guardians - Portable Pagers**

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This bill allows students who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired and students who have parents who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired to use a portable pager on public school property after school hours.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any decrease in State law enforcement activities and District Court cases would not materially affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** Any changes to local school system regulations could be made with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** It is a crime for an individual to possess a portable pager on school property. Persons convicted of this offense are guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined up to \$2,500, imprisoned for up to six months, or both. Specified individuals, including school staff and authorized visitors, are exempt from the prohibition.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 690 (Delegate Cryor, *et al.*) - Judiciary.

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